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### **CENTRAL PHOENIX AND NORTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCILS**

#### **EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS**

#### **REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION**

#### **FTF-MULTI-10-0008-00**

#### **FACT SHEET**

### **CENTRAL PHOENIX AND NORTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCILS EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS RFGA?**

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First Things First Central AND North Phoenix Regional Partnership Councils are releasing a Request for Grant Application for the strategy of Literacy Programs. The North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council and the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council had identified the need for regional implementation of strategies to expand the capacity of existing early language and literacy programs, or create new early literacy, language, and child development programs to provide literacy development supports and services to young children and their families in their homes and communities. Specifically, the intent of the funding opportunity is to connect literacy support and development efforts to families where they spend time, such as their homes, child care centers, public spaces, doctors' offices, libraries, etc.

Applicants may apply to provide services in the North Phoenix Area, the Central Phoenix area, or both areas. Regional Partnership Councils from both regions are envisioning two types of literacy models. First is an "in-home" model that provides comprehensive language acquisition activities to young children and their parents/caregivers in a home setting. Intensity of this service may vary and there are several examples of "best practice" and/or "research/evidence based" models included in this scope. Additionally, it is expected that the Standards of Practice for "In-Home" services included in this scope of work will be fully incorporated into the design of the proposed service.

The second model is considered an "in-community" model and a set of Standards of Practice for these types of services has also been included in this scope. The intensity of this model is typically less intense than services provided in a home setting, however it is expected that this service is not a one-time only event for families. Services under this model may not be as comprehensive as those provided in a home, and as the name implies, will be provided in a community setting – such as a library, a childcare center, a family child care home, a community

resource center, a medical setting, etc. As with the in-home model, it is expected that all elements from the stated standards of practice be incorporated into the proposed service.

## **WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?**

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Approximately \$500,000.00 is available in this Request for Grant Application from The Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council and approximately \$1,000,000.00 is available in this request for Grant Application from The North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

## **PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS**

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March 5, 2009	Notice of Intent/Fact Sheet available to the public
March 5, 2009	RFGA available on-line
March 13, 2009	Pre-application Conference First Things First, 8 <sup>th</sup> floor board room, 8:30am to 10:30am at 4000 N. Central Ave., Ste. 800, Phoenix, AZ 85012
April, 16, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 1:00 p.m.
July 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

## **HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA**

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Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 5, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

## **QUESTIONS?**

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All questions must be submitted in writing and include FTF-MULTI-10-0008-00 in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at [grants@azftf.gov](mailto:grants@azftf.gov) or via fax at (602) 265-0009.